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RESCINDED

IS THE CALL FOR PRIMARY

In The Seventh Congressional District.

DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATE TO BE
SELECTED AT A CONVENTION
HELD IN LEXINGTON ON
SEPTEMBER 3.

CONVENTIONS AUG. 29.

The special meeting of the Democratic Executive Committee of the Seventh Congressional District, held at Lexington, Thursday, and presided over by Chairman W. A. Lee, of Owen county, rescinded its call for a primary on May 12, made several weeks ago, and the committee adopted a resolution providing for a delegate convention to be held in Lexington on September 3, to select a Democratic candidate for Congress. The delegates to the convention to be named by county conventions to be held on August 29.

Although Campbell Cantrill, of Scott county, who is yet the only announced candidate against Congressman W. P. Kimball for the nomination, issued a proclamation soon after the recent action of the committee, ordering a primary election May 12, in which he complained that the date of the primary was too early and the entrance fee of \$2,000 was too high, broadly intimated that the action of the committee was in the interest of Mr. Kimball. F. M. Thomasson, of Scott county, the member of the committee representing Mr. Cantrill, opposed, rescinding the former action of the committee, voted against the proposition calling the convention for September 3, and offered a substitute providing for a primary election on August 8. The committee members from Franklin and Oldham counties voted with Mr. Thomasson on these questions.

Chairman W. A. Lee, after calling the meeting to order, made the following statement: "When this committee last met it was thought that there would be no need of a primary, as there would be only one candidate. Since that time Mr. Campbell Cantrill has announced his candidacy, and in a card to the public criticises the action of this committee. He declares that the action of the committee was unfair; that the time is too short, the expense too great, etc. When I saw that card I felt it my duty to call this committee together to consider the matter of selecting a nominee for Congress in this new light. At the time of your former action I thought that the date of May 12 left insufficient time for a canvass, but it was not expected that the incumbent would have opposition."

The roll was then called and showed the following members present: W. A. Lee, Owen, chairman; C. H. Morris, Oldham; John Griffin, Franklin; F. M. Thomasson, Scott; Dr. W. P. Roberts, Fayette; M. Kaufman, city of Lexington; by proxy, J. H. Cunningham, Owen; Ambrose Dudley, Henry; W. O. Davis, Woodford; J. H. Thompson, of Bourbon, was absent.

When it was announced that a quorum was present, Mr. Thomasson opened the proceedings by saying: "Less than a month ago we met and fixed the date for a primary. At that time I stated that Campbell Cantrill would probably be a candidate, and I presented his views. I understood that in letters to other committeemen he had asked that the date be as late as August. By calling the primary May 12 the committee disregarded his wishes. He then declared his candidacy, and has announced that he would abide by the action of the committee. I want to say now that any change in the date will not be at his suggestion or desire. He accepted your action in good faith, pitched his canvass on this understanding and made several speeches. He is not asking for further time."

Mr. Kaufman, in reply to Mr. Thomasson, said: "As has been said by the chairman, no opposition to Mr. Kim-

ball was anticipated. It has been customary to send Mr. Ashland district Congressman back for a second term. However, Mr. Cantrill has announced, and, in his opinion, has criticised this committee in a most unbecoming manner."

"Mr. Cantrill is satisfied with the action of the committee, and is appealing to the public on the ground that the committee has not fairly treated him."

"He appears to be a man of good character with us. In the light of the complaint I consider it to be our duty to rescind the action we took at the last meeting. Then no one can have a complaint, and we are not here in the interest of any man. I submit the following resolution:

"Whereas, The Hon. J. Campbell Cantrill, one of the announced candidates for Congress in this district, objects to having the nomination made on the 12th day of May, and desires that the time of making the nomination for Congress be set for a later date; therefore,

"Resolved, That the resolution adopted by this committee on the 28th day of March last, directing that a primary election of the Democratic voters of the Seventh Congressional District be held on the 12th day of May, 1908, for the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for Congress in said district, be and the same are now rescinded and set aside."

When the resolution was read Mr. Thomasson again took the floor in opposition to such an action. He said:

"Mr. Cantrill did criticise the action of the committee, and justly. The people criticised its action, and justly. I got his letter expressing his wishes and he told me he had sent letters to all of you."

"But I want it understood that he is not now asking for a later date. He has accepted your action in good faith. If there are no other candidates, I am opposed to our rescinding our former action. It has been published as May 12, and the people expect it to be held then. If you change now, what assurance will Mr. Cantrill have that in thirty or sixty days you will not make another change?"

Mr. Kaufman replied that he, for one, received no such letter from Mr. Cantrill, and said that Mr. Cantrill had published a card of complaint, criticising the committee, and had not since stated he was satisfied or corrected the impression that he was entering the contest under protest.

The vote on the resolution resulted as follows: For rescinding former action, Woodford, Owen, Henry, Fayette and the city of Lexington, 5; against, Scott, Oldham and Franklin, 3.

Mr. Griffin, of Franklin, then introduced the following resolution:

"Whereas, The Hon. J. Campbell Cantrill, and others who desire to contest for the nomination, have complained that the entrance fee to the primary election is excessive, and, desiring to give every candidate a fair chance; therefore,

"Resolved, That a delegate convention of the Democratic voters of the Seventh Congressional District of Kentucky be held in the city of Lexington on the 3d day of September, 1908, for the purpose of nominating a Democratic candidate for Representative in Congress for said district, to be voted for at the regular election, November 3, 1908."

"Resolved, That the basis of representation in said convention for the various counties shall be one delegate for every 200 votes cast for the Parker and Davis electors in 1904, and an additional delegate for any fraction of 100 in excess of that number. The delegates to said convention shall be selected by the Democratic voters in mass convention to be held in each county seat at such place as the chairman of the county committee may direct, at 2 o'clock p. m., on the 29th day of August, 1908, and in any county having more than one legislative district only one convention shall be held, which shall be subject to the provisions of these resolutions. All known Democrats who are willing, in good faith, to support the nominee of the convention hereby ordered and all young men who will become of age prior to the 3d day of next November, and who propose to affiliate with the Democratic party, are entitled to participate in the mass-meeting herein provided for."

Mr. Thomasson offered a substitute calling a primary election for the second Saturday in August. He said that he understood there was no objection to a primary election and did not see why a convention should be called. Mr. Kaufman replied that Mr.

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COFF WITNESS

RELATIVES FEAR MURRAY HARRIS Has Been Waylaid.

GAVE EVIDENCE THAT CAUSED
ARREST OF SEVERAL
ALLEGED NIGHT
RIDERS.

SOLDIERS SCOURING COUNTY.

There is great excitement at Murray, Ky., over the sudden disappearance of Murray Harris, the chief witness in the night rider cases being tried at that place. Relatives and friends, as well as the soldiers, are scouring the county in an effort to locate Harris and it is feared that he has met with foul play at the hands of parties implicated in the raids. Harris gave important testimony that led to the arrest of several alleged night riders, and since that time fears had been entertained lest he should be waylaid. It is the opinion of some that he has been kidnapped to prevent him from testifying before the grand jury.

Harris started to Murray, presumably to testify, Wednesday morning. If he reached town nobody here has been found who saw him, but it is believed that Harris never got to Murray. Yesterday friends from his neighborhood were in town inquiring about him, but they left without securing any satisfactory information. They held a conference with County Judge Wells, following which soldiers and deputy sheriffs started out.

Harris is the principal witness in the west side cases. Without his evidence there would be doubt about indictments, although there are two or three other witnesses who may know enough to justify the finding of bills.

Capt. Caudill, dressed as a farmer, left for the county this morning. He refused to discuss why he was so disguised or where he was going. Opinion is that he will do detective work in an attempt to locate Harris.

The witness' wife is frantic. Her theory is that he has been ambushed or kidnapped. He had no reasonable excuse to flee, because two soldiers were standing guard at his home day and night to protect his family and property.

Secrecy is still maintained by the grand jury. It was reported this morning that fifteen indictments have been found and probably the first batch will be returned in open court today.

A prominent lawyer stated that he had learned that some indictments were agreed on, but knew no names. There is rumor of names, but not from an official source. Why the indictments of men in jail or out on bond would be kept from the public is not understood or explained. Since Tuesday morning the grand jury has considered evidence only in the night rider cases. The jury was delayed yesterday by a vacancy owing to the illness of J. G. Wells, whose place was filled late in the afternoon by the selection of Tom Patterson, a well known farmer. The good citizens are highly pleased with his selection.

Walter McCuiston, of the Concord section, was arrested this morning by Constable Stubblefield. He executed bond in the sum of \$1,500.

Arthur Wynn, Felix Wynn, Dallas Wynn and Van Elkins have executed bonds. The Wynn boys have given the best bond yet, their sureties being worth \$75,000. They mortgaged their farms to secure their bondsmen.

Becoming alarmed, Will Winsley one of his sureties, surrendered Joe Bell, the alleged captain of the night riders, yesterday afternoon, and Bell spent the night in jail. His father was on the bond with Tinsley, and is trying to get another qualified bondsman. Tinsley gave his excuse for pulling off of the bond that "the night rider cases were getting too numerous."

Maj. George Albrecht, who arrived from Hopkinsville yesterday after-

noon, in company with Lieut. Winfrey, battalion adjutant, refuses to discuss his business. For fifteen years, Maj. Albrecht has been the newspaper business correspondent, and the best in the world to help you out, I can't. This work they are doing is very important, and it is paramount that we keep the public in the dark as to our movements."

When asked questions he would throw up his hands and smile. Maj. Albrecht will leave Murray probably to-morrow for Paducah, where he has a few soldiers.

Yesterday was pay day with the soldiers, the pay roll being in the neighborhood of \$1,200. They are spending their money freely with the merchants. Some of the boys have opened accounts with the Murray banks.

The privates receive \$1.50 a day and the officers get the same pay as regular army officers. Besides the State pays their board. The soldiers expect to be here two or three months, so some of them will have snug bank accounts when they leave.

Excitement was stirred up again last night by a wild report that was circulated to the effect that sixty night riders, including the Trigg county band, were marching on the town to burn it, assassinate the court officials and take the prisoners out of jail.

Telephone messages were sent to various parts of the county, but no trace of such a band could be possibly be found.

The soldiers were ready, as they are every night. In case of trouble the soldiers will be re-enforced by the armed guards of the county.

Several witnesses are staying in Murray, their expenses being borne by the county.

LAWMAKERS

TO PLAY DUSTY RHODES.

LARGE CROWD WILL GO TO LOUISVILLE TO WITNESS OPENING GAME.

The Lawmakers, accompanied by a large crowd of local fans, will leave to-morrow morning over the L. and N. Railway for Louisville, where the local team will take a whack at Mr. Vance's best and champions of the Falls Cities, the Ousty Rhodes at Dusty Roads Park Sunday afternoon at three o'clock.

The game will be called promptly so as to allow the full nine innings to be played, as the train homeward bound leaves at six o'clock.

The local club has been engaged in heavy practice work nearly every afternoon during the past two weeks, and are in excellent shape.

The line-up is as follows:
Dusty Rhodes — Brown, catcher; Doyle, Hikes or McBride, pitcher; Dwan, shortstop; Lally, first base; Yantz, second base; Hannigan, third base; Hikes, third base; Newman, center field; Vance, right field.

Frankfort — Angemeler, catcher; Cornell, Burge or Wright, pitcher; Allison, shortstop; W. Burg, first base; Nell, second base; Williams, third base; Kaeling, left field; Wright, center field; Tiffin, right field.

Lawmakers Won.

The Lawmakers and the Shamrocks crossed bats Sunday afternoon at Dudley's, the score resulting 5 to 2 in favor of the Lawmakers. "Little Dick," who pitched for the Shamrocks, did excellent work, and had the Lawmakers at his mercy, but on account of some bad errors behind him was unable to land a victory. Roberts played a nice game at first for the Shamrocks, also Williams and Goins at their respective positions. The Shamrocks did very poor stick work. Burg, the Lawmakers' slabman, was as wild as a "Mountain Goat," and kept the Shamrocks guessing to keep from getting "soaked." "Little" Owen Robb, of the Shamrocks, was there with the willow and is a comer. The Shamrocks will play at Stamping Ground April 23.

MARRIAGE LICENSES.

During the week County Clerk N. B. Smith issued the following marriage licenses: Henry P. Mitchell, age 46, and Miss Beulah Shackelford, age 26, both of Flag Fork. Alzer Greenwell, age 60, of Polsgrove Landing, and Miss Biana Gaines, age 50, of Woodford county. Wm. A. Cunn, age 20, of Switzer, and Elizabeth Ellen, age 17, of Woodford county. Benjamin Wright, age 21, and Pearl Parker, age 21, of this city.

ARTHUR GOEBEL

PRESENTS ARGUMENT BEFORE GOVERNOR.

Protests Against Pardon Of Powers and Howard.

COMMONWEALTH'S ATTORNEY
FRANKLIN ALSO URGES EX-
ECUTIVE NOT TO
PARDON.

NIGHT RIDERS IN HARRISON.

When the hearing of the Powers-Howard cases was resumed in the House of Representatives yesterday morning at 11:30 o'clock Arthur Goebel, brother of the murdered statesman, took the floor and spoke for about thirty minutes. He read from an affidavit given by Frank Gross, in which he said Jim Howard said to him in the Frankfort jail that Arthur Goebel had been making mouths at him all day in the court room, and that if he had him out in the open he would give him what he gave his brother William Goebel. He said Gross had been considered a competent witness for the defense when they endeavored to prove by him that only Yontsey alone was responsible for the assassination, and that he thought he should be considered good enough to use as a witness to prove that Howard fired the fatal shot. Mr. Goebel also quoted from other testimony to show that both Powers and Howard are guilty. He said that he has assisted the prosecution in these cases for the past eight years, and that he has always kept within the confines of the law in all his acts.

Mr. Goebel was followed by Commonwealth's Attorney Franklin, who first took up the question of denying bail to Powers. He said the granting of bail was discretionary with the Circuit Judge, and quoted from the statutes to sustain his points.

In response to a question from the Governor, he said that in his opinion Judge Morris had the power to call a special term of court to try Powers again or to grant him bail. Judge Sims interrupted to say that an act of the last Legislature provides that no special term shall be held while a regular term is being held in any other county in the district.

Mr. Franklin said that before the election in 1899, Powers said in a speech that if they won the offices they would keep them, at the breach of a gun if necessary. That following these words he brought or sent men here to intimidate the State Election Commission.

Governor Willson interrupted to say that he was present as an attorney in 1899, when these men came to Frankfort, and that he was instrumental in having them promptly sent home.

At the afternoon sitting, Col. Franklin said there could be no compensation for Arthur Goebel to have an innocent man convicted, that he had listened to Arthur Goebel's suggestions and talks for eight years and he had never heard him propose a corrupt plan or idea to secure a conviction.

He then took up the testimony to show that the object of bringing the mountain army was to kill Democrats in the Legislature. He then read John Rickett's testimony, where the witness said he heard the men on the train of the mountain army say: "We will take Goebel's head home on a pole; we will give them h—l," and other such expressions.

Maj. W. C. Owens spoke at some length in the interest of Powers.

During the week a number of other speakers of prominence made arguments on both sides of the case.

Alleged Night Riders Captured.

A band of night riders from Robertson county, numbering 100, followed and captured three loads of Bracken county tobacco, three miles east of Cynthiana Friday morning. The tobacco was owned by George Haley, of Milford, and was in charge of Kenny Six. The riders halted the

wagons at the junction of the Salem and Oddville pikes, and, after placing their pickets, proceeded to destroy one load, dumping part of it in a small pool of water and scattering the remainder along the road to be trampled by their horses.

The riders did take precaution to cut telephone wires and the sheriff was called up and notified. He immediately started for the scene with the militia, capturing one man at the scene of the outrage, and three more beyond Clayville. The captured men are:

B. Brown, Gum McGee, Bill Kenton, of Bracken; Charley Fowler, of Robertson.

Judge King remanded the men to jail. Two of the men, Kenton and Fowler, are prosperous looking men, and all the well known and respected citizens of their immediate neighborhood.

DESTRUCTIVE FIRE

Narrowly Averted Thursday Afternoon
in South's Warehouse—Loss
Will Be About \$4,000.

A fire which promised to be one of the most serious Frankfort has suffered in many months was averted Thursday afternoon by the prompt response of the fire department and the effective work of Chief Conway and his men. The fire started in a lot of hemp stored in the basement of the South Warehouse on Broadway street and is supposed to have originated from a spark from a passing engine.

There was a stiff wind blowing during the afternoon, and particularly at the time the fire was discovered, so that if the flames could not have been checked until they reached the second floor, where they could have been fanned by the wind, there is no doubt but that the fire would have crept up the hill to the East Main street residences where there can be no estimate placed on the amount of destruction that would have been done. As it was, however, it is not believed that the full extent of the damage will exceed \$4,000 in all.

There were some 40,000 pounds of hemp in the basement which was the property of the Kentucky River Mills, and it is said at least 50 per cent of this hemp can be saved.

There were several hundred barrels of whisky stored in the warehouse, but luckily for those owning property near the fire was under control before it reached that part of the building in which the whisky was stored.

AMONG THE SICK.

Mrs. Nellie Church, who has been quite ill at her home on Shelby street, was yesterday said to be very much improved.

Mrs. Jno. M. Banta, who has been so seriously ill with rheumatism for several weeks at her home at Thorn Hill, was yesterday reported as but slightly improved.

Mrs. William Douglass Roy, of Louisville, who recently underwent a severe operation at St. Joseph's infirmary, is improving slowly, but will be at the infirmary two or three weeks longer.

The condition of Mr. Jno. Will Johnson, who has been seriously ill at his residence on Fourth street, for several weeks past, was yesterday said to be unchanged.

Mr. Jno. Newman, who has been confined to his home in Shelby street for the past four weeks with a severe attack of erysipelas, was yesterday reported as being very much improved.

Mrs. Ella H. Elwanger, who has been at the Norton infirmary in Louisville for the past two weeks, is rapidly improving, and hopes to be able to return to Frankfort at an early date.

Mr. L. H. Fennell, who for the past two weeks has been at the Norton infirmary in Louisville, was yesterday reported as being much improved and expects to be able to return home one day next week.

The condition of Mrs. Jno. B. Dryden, who has been so critically ill during the week at her home on East Main street, remains unchanged, and but little hopes are entertained for her recovery.

State Superintendent of Public Instruction J. G. Crabbe, who has been quite ill for several weeks, was yesterday said to be very much improved and hopes to be able to be at his office next week.